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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

EANC-SA-S (385)

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COMMAND POLICY #10-1

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Community Safety for Joggers, Bicycles, Skateboards, Skates, Roller Blades, Non Motorize Vehicles, Motorcycles and Mopeds

1. REFERENCE: United States Forces Korea Regulation 190-1, 21 November 1997, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision.
2. PURPOSE: To establish safety policies for individuals jogging, operating motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, and other non-powered vehicles for transportation and recreation on US military installations within Area II.
3. APPLICABILITY: This memorandum applies to all personnel using military installations located within the geographical responsibility of the Area II Support Activity.
4. RESPONSIBILITIES:
 - a. Commanders and activity chiefs will ensure that all assigned sponsors and family members are aware of and comply with the policies and recommendations outlined in this policy letter.
 - b. All personnel running, jogging, operating motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, or riding skateboards, scooters or skates on US military installations/off post must comply with traffic rules and regulations set forth in USFK Reg 190-1.
 - c. Drivers of Army motor vehicles and privately owned vehicles will exercise due caution when encountering runners, joggers, bicyclists, skateboarders or skaters adjacent to roadways.
 - d. All guests to the installation will be briefed to comply with traffic rules and regulations set forth in USFK Reg 190-1.

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5. GENERAL: Many personnel in Area II use motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, and other non-motor powered vehicles for transportation and recreation. Head injuries are the most common and most severe.

a. Helmets: All personnel operating or riding on motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, in-line skates, coasters, skateboards, sleds, or any non-motorized vehicles on a public roadway, street, bicycle path, parking lot, or any other right-of-way under EUSA jurisdiction will wear a protective helmet. The helmet will meet or exceed the standards set by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or the Snell Foundation. The helmet will be equipped with either a neck or chin strap which is to be securely fastened while in motion.

b. Reflective Vest: Also, personnel participating in these activities must wear a reflective vest. If wearing a backpack, the vest must be worn over the backpack.

c. Headphones or earphones will not be used when operating motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skateboards, skates, roller blades, or when running, jogging or walking.

6. SAFETY POLICIES AND GUIDELINES:

a. Individual Jogging: The safety of joggers or runners is an individual responsibility. Joggers are pedestrians and must observe the same precautions as those who are walking when crossing roads.

(1) Traffic signals and/or stop signs will be obeyed and pedestrian crosswalks will be used when crossing roads.

(2) Joggers will avoid the use of the main streets and run in single file to the maximum extent possible. Joggers will use jogging paths or sidewalks where available or run on the far-left side of the road, facing traffic when jogging paths or sidewalks are not available.

(3) Challenging or obstructing vehicular traffic is forbidden. Joggers should yield the right of way to vehicular traffic.

(4) Jogging during the hours of darkness or inclement weather is discouraged. Joggers or runners who run will wear reflective safety vest visible in a 360 degree arc around the runner. Riding skateboards, scooters, or roller blades at night is prohibited.

(5) Jogging, skateboarding or skating off the installation is highly discouraged. Extreme care must be given to riding bicycles off post in consideration of the heavy traffic volume on the city streets in the metropolitan area.

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b. Bicycle Safety: Bicycles are hard to see, and vehicles may change lanes or turn unexpectedly. Bicycle safety requirements and tips for safe operation of bicycles are as follow:

(1) Bicycles used during hours of darkness will be equipped with front and rear operational lights. The front light will emit visible light a minimum distance of at least 500 feet (150 meters). The rear light will emit visible light a minimum distance of 100 feet (30 meters).

(2) Reflective vest will be worn when riding a bicycle at all times.

(3) Ride close to the right side of the roadway and exercise caution when passing vehicles or pedestrians. Use a bicycle path whenever one is located adjacent to the roadway. Do not ride abreast except on paths or parts of roadways designated for the exclusive use of bicycles. Do not ride a bicycle on sidewalks.

(4) Do not carry anything which prevents the operator from keeping both hands free to control the bicycle. Do not cling to a vehicle or otherwise be propelled by a vehicle. Reckless riding of a bicycle is also prohibited.

(5) Reduce speed during inclement weather, traffic and pedestrian congestion. Always use hand signals when there is no danger of losing control of the bicycle. Be alert for car doors which could be opened suddenly.

(6) Organized MWR runs. During organized daytime MWR events, such as, fun runs or bicycling events, where numbers are used for identification, vests do not need to be worn. Vests will be used for all MWR events conducted at night. Vests will be worn by all road guards used to support MWR events.

c. Scooters, Skateboard/Skating Safety: Sponsors are responsible for the conduct of their dependents and guest while riding, scooters, skateboards or skating. To ensure that scooters, skateboarding and skating (to include roller blades) is conducted safely and to prevent skating/motor vehicle accidents, the following rules are established:

(1) Persons riding scooters, skateboards or skating must obey all traffic control devices, unless otherwise directed or posted. It is essential for skaters to show courtesy and respect for others, especially pedestrians.

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(2) Pedestrian crossing areas will be used when skaters cross the roadways. Persons skateboarding will dismount their skateboards when crossing roadways.

(3) No person riding a skateboard or skating will be pulled or otherwise propelled by motorized vehicles or bicycles. Challenging or obstructing vehicular traffic is strictly prohibited.

(4) In addition to mandatory wearing of helmets, skaters are encouraged to use other protective equipment, such as, elbow and kneepads. Youth Service (YS) has a limited amount of safety equipment, available for daily check-out for YS registered youths at Hannam Youth Services and the Yongsan Youth Services Centers.

(5) No persons will propel or ride scooters, skateboards or skates on Yongsan Main Post, Camp Coiner, Camp Kim, UN Compound, TMP, Eighth Army Drive, X Corps Blvd, sidewalks on Eighth Army Drive and X Corps Blvd, or parking lots with a high degree of traffic in the South Post area (i.e., Dragon Hill Lodge, Four Seasons, Walker Center, Commissary, Hospital).

(6) Parking lots within housing areas, unoccupied open areas, such as, basketball courts, unused parking lots and paved playgrounds, parking lots after facility has closed for the day, i.e., Commissary, Toyland, Walker Center, Hannam Village ACS, etc., are the only authorized areas designated for scooters, skateboard and skating usage.

(7) Motorized Skateboards and Kickboards will not be operated on Area II installations. The manufacture of these items is not regulated by standards and specifications that insure the safety of the operator or the public and as such pose a hazard to the Area II community. These items are marketed under many different names some of which include the word scooter but are not to be confused with regular "motor scooters".

7. Violations should be reported to the Military Police Desk at 99-797-4096. In addition, the requirements outlined above will be strictly enforced by military police. Violators and sponsors of dependents who violate this policy will be subject to administrative sanctions.



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